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SPEAKING OF STAMPS

ANNCR: AND NOW, COLLECTOR'S CORNER AND NOTES OF INTEREST FOR VOA LISTENERS WHO COLLECT THINGS.....WHETHER THEY BE STAMPS, COINS, OLD BOTTLES, OR STRING. TODAY A REPORT BY GEORGE MISHLER FROM THE STAMP WORLD AND THE DETAILS OF A NEW COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ISSUE.

VOICE: THE OCCASION WAS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY (ON OCTOBER 8TH) OF THE UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION. A SERIES OF COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS IN FOUR VALUES WAS ISSUED MARKING THE 1951 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE UNITED STATES WHICH PERMITTED THE WORLD ORGANIZATION TO ISSUE ITS OWN STAMPS IN U.S. DENOMINATIONS FOR USE ONLY ON MAIL DISPATCHED FROM ITS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK.

IN 1968 A SIMILAR AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED WITH THE SWISS GOVERNMENT, RESULTING IN THE ISSUE OF STAMPS IN SWISS DENOMINATIONS, FROM THE U.N. OFFICE IN GENEVA.

THE ANNIVERSARY ISSUE WAS A 13 CENT AND A 31 CENT STAMP FOR USE AT NEW YORK AND AN 80 CENTIME AND 1.10 SWISS FRANC STAMP FOR GENEVA. THE NEW YORK VALUES WERE DESIGNED BY AN AMERICAN -- HENRY BENCSATH. THEY SHOW A MAGNIFYING GLASS SUPERIMPOSED ON A SHEET OF STAMPS ON WHICH APPEARS "UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION, 1951-1976." THE 13 CENT VALUE WAS PRINTED IN BLUE, BLACK, YELLOW AND BROWN AND THE 31 CENT IN GREEN, BLACK, YELLOW AND BROWN.

VOICE: (CONT'D) THE GENEVA ISSUE WAS DESIGNED BY HECTOR VIOLA OF ARGENTINA AND SHOWS THE U.N. EMBLEM ENCIRCLED BY A RIBBON OF COLORS SHAPED LIKE A POSTHORN. THE 80 CENTIME IS IN BEIGE, BLACK, YELLOW, BLUE AND RED. THE 1.10 SWISS FRANC STAMP IS BLUE-GREEN , BLACK, YELLOW, BLUE AND RED.

THE SIZE OF THESE STAMPS IS 36 BY 26 MM AND THEY HAVE BEEN PRINTED BY MULTICOLOR PHOTOGRAVURE. EACH VALUE OF THIS SET HAS BEEN PRINTED IN SHEETS OF 20 INSTEAD OF THE USUAL FIFTY, SO THAT COLLECTORS CAN OBTAIN TWO MARGINAL INSCRIPTION BLOCKS IN A HORIZONTAL BLOCK OF 10.

ANOTHER NOVEL ASPECT OF THE SHEETS IS THE FACT THAT THE NEW YORK ISSUES ARE FRAMED IN THE MARGINS WITH THE U.N. EMBLEM WHILE THE GENEVA SHEETS HAVE THE WREATH IN THE CORNERS ONLY, ALLOWING CENTER MARGIN SPACE TO SHOW THE SWISS VALUES.

INCIDENTALLY THE U.N. ADMINISTRATION ALSO HAS RELEASED A FORTY PAGE ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR FOLDER CONTAINING ALL OF THE NEW YORK STAMPS FOR JANUARY THROUGH OCTOBER 1976. THE FOLDER DOES NOT REPLACE THE ANNUAL U.N. SOUVENIR FOLDERS FOR NEW YORK AND GENEVA, WHICH WILL BE ISSUED ON NOV. 19TH.

INFORMATION ON THE PURCHASE OF ALL U.N. PHILATELIC MATERIAL CAN BE OBTAINED BY WRITING TO "UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION, BOX 5900, GRAND CENTRAL STATION, NEW YORK, N.Y., U.S.A. 10017

ANNCR: YOU HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO <u>COLLECTOR'S CORNER</u>.....NOTES OF INTEREST ON THE UNIQUE WORLD OF COLLECTORS WHO BUT, SELL

ANNCR: (CONT'D) AND ABOVE ALL, TREASURE, EVERYTHING FROM STAMPS TO STRING. YOUR REPORTER TODAY WAS GEORGE MISHLER. NEXT WEEK (AT THIS SAME TIME) ANOTHER COLLECTOR'S CORNER.

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